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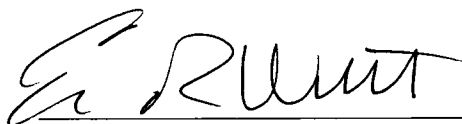
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1. *Russian Patent Application No. 972008 published November 17, 1982* is relevant because it was cited by a foreign patent office in connection with a corresponding patent application. The figure disclosed a drag line bucket system.

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